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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

- 1. WE DO NOT HAVE ANSWERS TO ALL THE QUESTIONS YOU POSED IN REFTEL, BUT WE FULLY UNDERSTAND KING'S CONCERNS AND, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, YOU SHOULD GET BACK TO HIM DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING.
- 2. THE SECRETARY HAS INSTRUCTED THAT WE DEMONSTRATE TO THE CONGRESS THE IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACH TO MEETING JORDAN'S AIR DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS. I WILL TESTIFY BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE JULY 15 AND BEFORE A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON JULY 16. WHILE YOU CANNOT BE HERE IN TIME FOR HEARINGS NEXT TWO SECRET

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DAYS, WE BELIEVE YOU COULD BE HELPFUL IN FOLLOW-UP AND WOULD

THEREFORE APPRECIATE YOUR RETURNING FOR BRIEF PERIOD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS SHOULD ALSO DEMONSTRATE TO KING WE ARE MAKING MAJOR EFFORT. IT WOULD BE MISLEADING FOR US TO HAZARD AN ESTIMATE AT THIS POINT OF HOW THE SITUATION WILL DEVELOP, BUT WE WILL SEND OUR VIEWS AS SOON AS THE HEARINGS ARE OVER AND WE HAVE A MORE CONCRETE BASIS ON WHICH TO ASSESS PROSPECTS. YOU SHOULD ASSURE KING THAT WE TAKE HIS STATEMENT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE FOR OUR CONTINUING COOPERATION MOST SERIOUSLY.

3. YOU SHOULD PROCEED TO WASHINGTON ON OR ABOUT JULY 15, 1975 FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. CHARGE: 1960113-4401-600059-2154 DATED JULY 14, 1975.

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